UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 23-mc-____

STIPULATION TO EXTEND

TIME TO COMMENCE

PROCEEDINGS

JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

Plaintiff,

v.

\$126,000.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY,

Defendant,

and

TEZZAREE CHAMPION,

Claimant.

The Plaintiff, the United States of America, and the Claimant, Tezzaree Champion, through their respective attorneys, stipulate pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(3)(A) to extend the time in which the Plaintiff is required to file a Complaint for Forfeiture or to obtain an Indictment alleging forfeiture until January 28, 2024.

- 1. On April 26, 2023, the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") seized \$126,000.00 in U.S. Currency from the Claimant ("the Defendant Currency").
- 2. The USPIS commenced administrative forfeiture proceedings for the Defendant Currency and sent written notice to all known interested parties of its intent to forfeit the Defendant Currency.
- 3. On June 30, 2023, USPIS received a claim for the Defendant Currency from Tezzaree Champion through his attorney, C. Connor Cremens.
 - 4. The time has expired for any other person to file a claim for the Defendant

Currency under 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(A)-(E), and no other claims for any portion of the currency have been received from any other individual or entity.

- 5. Under 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(3)(A), the government has 90 days after a claim has been filed in an administrative action to bring a civil complaint for forfeiture, "except that a court in the district in which the complaint will be filed may extend the period for filing a complaint for good cause shown or upon agreement of the parties."
- 6. The parties agree to extend the deadline under 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(3) for filing a judicial forfeiture proceeding with respect to the Defendant Currency until January 28, 2024 in order to, among other things, allow time for settlement discussions.

Dated: 09/20/2023 ANDREW M. LUGER United States Attorney

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